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18. (Once Amended) A data distribution method in a network having a plurality of connected nodes for suitably distributing any content as a transactable product, comprising:

sending through the network a data package (information package), having the content as a transactable product, for which a boundary is set relating to a predetermined attribute for the transaction, and which includes data relating to the transaction, and information relating to the control for utilization of the content, and information which defines a predetermined attribute of said data relating to the transaction,

supplying the data package through the network by a data server means,

receiving the data package by a data utilization means connected to at least one node on the network, substantially acquiring at least the content according to said boundary, and

carrying out predetermined processing relating to the transaction based on the information of the predetermined attribute for the transaction of the content each time the content delineated by the boundary is newly substantially acquired by the data utilization means.

35. (Once Amended) A computer readable recording medium on which a data package for distribution of any content as a product for transaction in a network having a plurality of nodes are connected is recorded and which can be read by a computer substantially connected to the network, the data package comprising:

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any content for which a boundary is set relating to a predetermined attribute for the transaction and which includes a data relating to the transaction and an information of said predetermined attribute which defines the predetermined attribute of said data, and information relating to the control for utilization of the content.

-- 51. (New) A network system for suitably distributing any content as transactable product, comprising:

one or more data server means, data utilization means, and transaction management means comprised on the network, wherein

said data server means and utilization means transmit and receive through the network a data package for which a boundary is set in accordance with an attribute for a transaction and which includes a data relating to the transaction and an attribute data relating to the transaction which defines the attribute of said data relating to the transaction,

said data server means supply through the network the data package which includes data of said content as said data relating to the transaction,

said data utilization means receive the supplied data package, and substantially acquire said data of said content according to said boundary, and

said transaction management means performs processing relating to the transaction on the basis of said attribute data every time said data package is received by said data server means or said data utilization means. --